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# District duel: Lady Cols roll Hoptown in softball showdown

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# Mayor lauds economic growth

## Hoptown Hoppers also unveil logo at Vision Plan Breakfast

BY DENNIS O'NEIL  
NEW ERA FEATURE WRITER

Hopkinsville Mayor Dan Kemp delivered an optimistic report on the state of the community Thursday at the James E. Bruce Convention Center.

During his presentation at the State of the Community Vision Plan Breakfast, Kemp emphasized the city's economic growth. He applauded a 21.3 percent in-

crease in the number of businesses in Hopkinsville since 2000. He also reported an \$8 million cash reserve for the city.

Kemp went on to discuss several construction and development projects planned for downtown. He said the city will be accepting bids for the new city hall construction project in the next week. The city hopes to secure a contractor and break ground on the new building in



Hoptown Hoppers logo

June, he said.

The new city hall will be built at the site of the old Planters Bank building on South Virginia Street. Once it is complete, the

Lackey Municipal Building will be used by the Hopkinsville Police Department.

The city is also planning a \$1.5 million investment in six downtown parks. There is \$62,500 allotted for developing a walking bridge between Westside Park and the walking path along Little River. Kemp said funding for the park projects has already been secured and he expects development to begin soon.

"Expect to see a lot of construction going on," Kemp said.

David Ptaszek, chair of the Christian County Cares 2015 Vision Plan, reported on the plan's progress at the breakfast. Ptaszek presented a 15-minute

video touting community achievement since the plan's inception. According to the video, 928 jobs were added in Christian County during 2011 through industry expansion in the area.

The chamber is also restarting its Care Committee Campaign, which requests a \$100 donation per year from individuals in the community.

### Hoppers unveil logo

The Christian County Chamber of Commerce revealed the new logo for the Hoptown Hoppers baseball team at Thursday's breakfast.

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## Facebook fuels violent rumors at Todd County high school

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

An online argument between Todd County Central High School students resulted in a minor law enforcement presence at the school Thursday morning.

Superintendent Mike Kenner said the argument began on Facebook when students started talking about starting a fight at school the next day. The situation escalated when rumors began spreading about how serious the fight would be. Some of the rumors included riots and someone bringing a gun onto school property.

"It really has been blown out of proportion," Kenner said. "With social media, sometimes things build up a life of their own."

About four students involved in the online discussion were disciplined Wednesday, but Kenner couldn't comment on whether they were in school Wednesday. As a precautionary measure and to alleviate possible tensions at the school, sheriff's deputies and Todd County Police Chief Bruce Marklin walked the school's hallways for about an hour Thursday.

At the end of school, TCCHS Principal Todd Marshall called Marklin and said there were no problems. Marklin agreed with Kenner and said the argument was exacerbated by gossip.

"Especially in a small county like ours, things fly fast," Marklin said.

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Students taking the Fashion and Interior Design class at Christian County High School pose for a photo after being in a fashion show as part of the Parent University "Résumé Writing & Interview Skills" workshop Thursday night at the Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library. Students showcased appropriate interview apparel for various employment opportunities.

## Changes proposed for Guthrie's highway 'knot'

BY NICK TABOR  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Since construction started on the Hemlock Semiconductor plant in Clarksville, Tenn., five new businesses have opened in Guthrie, and several more plan to open soon, Mayor Scott Marshall said.

The town welcomes the extra commerce. But it has increased traffic congestion and collisions on the town's roads — particularly at Kentucky 181 and U.S. 79, Marshall said.

In response, local transportation officials developed a \$13-million plan to clear up a

"knot" of highways. It involves widening Kentucky 294 and moving Kentucky 181 farther west.

Their plan did not find a place in the new 2012-14 transportation budget. However, with the right lobbying, it may fare better in the 2014-16 budget, said Jeff Moore, the planning manager at the transportation cabinet's office in Bowling Green.

Marshall said several companies have opened in Guthrie to provide contract labor for HSC. The town also has new restaurants and retail stores that cater to HSC employees.

More businesses could open in Guthrie

as construction progresses, Moore said Thursday. He was giving a presentation to the transportation committee at Pennyroyal Area Development District.

"Hemlock becomes sort of a mother hen, and she starts to have chicks around her," he said.

Before Interstate 24 opened, western Kentuckians typically went through Guthrie to get to Nashville, Tenn., Moore said. Traffic tended to build up in a spot where four highways intersect near the state line, Moore said.

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### WHO WE ARE: Jessica Cannon, 36, Hopkinsville

Jessica Cannon enjoys working with children. As a teacher at University Heights Academy, Cannon spends her days teaching 4-year-old preschool.

"The kids are like sponges and they suck everything in and I like to be part of that process," Cannon said. "I want to make a difference in a person's life."

Cannon said her favorite part of her job is when her children grasp a concept she has been trying to teach.

"I love when you can look at a child and it clicks and



everything comes together," she said. "They sound out a word and they know it."

If she wasn't a teacher Cannon said she would love to be a Broadway star.

"I love to be on stage," she said.

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# Lawyer says Afghan suspect was depressed during tour in Iraq

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — The U.S. soldier accused of killing 17 Afghan civilians suffered a traumatic incident during his second tour in Iraq that triggered “tremendous depression,” his lawyer said Wednesday.

Lawyer John Henry Browne said he could not discuss the details of the matter because it remains classified. But he expects the issue to become a focal point in the case against Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales.

“It caused him tremen-

dous depression and anxiety,” Browne said.

The lawyer previously said Bales experienced other major dangers in his deployments, including a serious foot injury and head trauma.

In addition, a fellow soldier’s leg had been blown off days before the Afghanistan massacre, he said.

Bales was charged with 17 counts of premeditated murder and other crimes. He is being held at a U.S. military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.




**VERNA SCOTT**  
Verna Kathryn McKinney Scott, age 96, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away 6:00 PM Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at Christian Health Center of natural causes. Services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Rev. Denny Burchett and Rev. Russ Stallons. Burial will follow in Pugh Flat Cemetery in Trigg County, KY. Visitation will be from 5:00PM until 8:00PM Friday, March 30, 2012 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Scott was born in Trigg, KY on November 24, 1915, the daughter of the late Alva Ewin and Maudie Shelton McKinney. Verna was a teacher for Christian and Trigg County School System. Because of her 44 years of teaching she was made a Kentucky Colonel. After retiring she did free home tutoring and volunteered at several schools. During WWII she was employed by the US government in California on an experimental plantation for synthetic rubber. She was a member of New Barren Springs Baptist Church where she served as treasurer, clerk and taught an Adult Sunday Class for 50 years, she was also a member of the KRITA and the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Ollie “Buster” Wilton Scott; her brothers, Toy, Sidney, and Edgar McKinney; her sisters, Montanta Hunter, Missoula Cheving, Ida McGraw, and Helen Jean Rieder. Survivors included several nieces and nephews.

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AlcatelLuc	NY	...	...	...	2.36	-06	+51.3	
Alcoa	NY	12	1.2	14	9.83	-23	+13.6	
Allstate	NY	.88	2.6	22	33.26	+24	+21.3	
Altria	NY	1.64	5.4	19	30.52	-09	+2.9	
AmExp	NY	.80	1.4	14	59.06	+84	+25.2	
Amylin	Nasd	...	...	...	23.77	+839	+108.9	
Annaly	NY	2.37	15.2	32	15.57	-12	-2.4	
Apple Inc	Nasd	10.60	1.7	18	617.62	+3.14	+52.5	
ApplMatl	Nasd	.36	2.9	11	12.46	-36	+16.3	
AutoZone	NY	...	...	...	18	376.36	-3.22	+15.8
BB&T Cp	NY	.80	2.5	17	31.88	+80	+26.7	
BP PLC	NY	1.92	4.3	6	44.70	-20	+4.6	
Bko/Am	NY	.04	...	...	9.75	+15	+75.4	
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BrtMySq	NY	1.36	4.0	16	33.67	...	-4.5	
CampSp	NY	1.16	3.5	14	33.04	-01	-6	
Cisco	Nasd	.32	1.5	16	21.08	+17	+17.0	
Citigrp	NY	.04	1	10	37.06	+28	+40.9	
CocaCola	NY	2.04	2.8	20	72.66	+79	+3.8	
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Disney	NY	.60	1.4	16	43.51	-26	+16.0	
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## LOCAL/AREA DEATHS

**“T.C.” PUTTY**  
Teresa Lynn “T.C.” Putty, 46, Hopkinsville, died at 5:20 a.m. Thursday, March 28, 2012, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center of a heart attack.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Lamb Funeral Home with the Rev. Danny Belcher officiating.

Burial will be in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A native of Hopkinsville, she was born Sept. 7, 1965, the daughter of Clara Joiner Gillette, Hopkinsville, and the late Kenneth Ponder.

She was a restaurant manager and waitress at The Place: A Local Eatery. She formerly worked at Jay’s on Main, Shintomi and Bartholomew’s.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother survivors include her husband, Benji Putty; her stepfather, Bill Gillette, Hopkinsville; a son, Anthony Putty, Hopkinsville; a sister, Tracy Cowan, Hopkinsville; and a grandchild.



**Putty**

**WALTER VINSON**  
Services for Walter George Vinson, 82, Cadiz, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, with the Rev. Dr. Jerry Bacon officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service Saturday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Gamble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He died at 10:50 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at his home of natural causes.

A native of Trigg County, he was born April 3, 1929, the son of the late Elliott and Grace Taylor Vinson.

He worked in civil service at Fort Campbell for more than 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Battise Vinson; five sons, Robert (Theresa), Curley and Jerome Howse, both of Nashville, Tenn., Walter (Glenda) Vinson Jr., Atlanta, Ga., Robbie Weaver, San Diego, and Jimmy Duffie, Princeton; six daughters, Lois Howse and Gloridean Jennings, both of Nashville, Jackie Offutt, Valdosta, Ga., Sandy Wiley and Victoria Vinson, Clarksville, Tenn., and Shonnon Mathews White, Cadiz; two brothers, the Rev. Elliot (Irene) Vinson, Cadiz, and Raymond (Carrie) Vinson, Ironton, Ohio; a sister, Ruth McFarland, Cadiz; 15 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



**Vinson**

**RICKY SHOLAR**  
Ricky Sholar, 53, Cadiz, died at 1:50 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2012, in Cadiz of natural causes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Goodwin Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob McIntosh officiating.

Burial will be at Cerulean Cemetery.

Visitation will be after 4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

A native of Trigg County, he was born Aug. 16, 1958, the son of the late Hugh Hayden and Opal Elizabeth Francis Sholar.

He was a farmer and a member of the National Rifle Association. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include three brothers, Wallace Sholar, New Concord, Wayne and Danny Sholar, both of Cadiz; and two sisters, Donna Skinner and Debbie Burcham, both of Cadiz.

**VIRGINIA HARPER**  
Virginia Harper, 89, Hopkinsville, formerly of Caldwell County, died at 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Christian Health Center following a brief illness.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Morgan’s Funeral Home with the Rev. Carlton Harper, Dean Harper and Heath Harper officiating.

Burial will be in Asher Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A native of Caldwell County, she was born June 30, 1922, the daughter of the late Lexie and Erma Dalton Tosh.

She was a homemaker and a member of Hopkinsville Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Harper.

Survivors include two sons, the Rev. Carlton (Margaret) Harper, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Dean (Debbie) Harper, Livermore; a sister, Naomi Keller, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**RUBLE HARPER**  
Ruble Harper, 76, Princeton, died at 1:13 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Caldwell Medical Center following a long illness.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Morgan’s Funeral Home with the Rev. Dennis Winn officiating.

Burial will be in Asher Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A native of Caldwell County, he was born Sept. 1, 1935, the son of the late Virgil and Lucille Nelson Harper.

He was the retired owner and operator of Harper Used Cars and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

His wife, Mary Jane Jones Harper, preceded him in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Rick (Kandace) Morgan, Henderson, and Mrs. Dane (Renee) Brantley, Princeton; and one grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lourdes Hospice P.O. Box 7100 Paducah, KY 42002 or Caldwell County Hospital Foundation P.O. Box 410 Princeton, KY 42445.



**SHANNA OLIVER**  
Shanna Fay Oliver, 65, Dawson Springs, died Thursday, March 29, 2012, at Princeton Health and Rehab following a long illness.

Arrangements are incomplete at Morgan’s Funeral Home.

**LASELDA HAMBY**  
Laselda Hamby, 91, Blane Drive, died at 2:40 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2012, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center of natural causes.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church with the Rev. Nathan C. Brown officiating.

Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Hughart and Beard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A native of Christian County, he was born August 21, 1920, the daughter of the late Walter and Nova Lature Hamby.

She was a teacher in Christian County for 28 years.

She was a member of First Christian Church where she was a former Sunday school teacher.

She is survived by her sister, Sue Hamby Cummings, Hopkinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 2601 S. Walnut St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240.



**Hamby**

**New video raises doubts about Florida gunman’s story**

MIAMI (AP) — Newly released police video of a handcuffed George Zimmerman may be important for what it doesn’t show: No obvious cuts, scrapes, blood or bandages. No clearly broken nose. No plainly visible evidence of a life-and-death struggle with Trayvon Martin.

As the furor over race and self-defense raged on in Florida around the U.S. on Thursday, Martin’s family and supporters seized on the footage to dispute Zimmerman’s claim that he shot and killed the unarmed black teenager after the young man attacked him.

While cautioning that the video is grainy and far from conclusive, some legal experts agreed it does raise questions about Zimmerman’s story. The video was made about a half-hour after the shooting Feb. 26.

“It could be very significant,” said Daniel Lurvey, a former Miami-Dade County homicide prosecutor. “If I were the prosecutor, it would certainly be Exhibit A that he did not suffer any major injury as a result of a confrontation with Trayvon Martin.”

Zimmerman attorney Craig Sonner said on NBC’s “Today” show that the footage appears to support his client’s story in some respects.

“It’s a very grainy video. ... However, if you watch, you’ll see one of the officers, as he’s walking in, looking at something on the back of his head,” Sonner said.

“Clearly the report shows he was cleaned up before he was taken in the squad car.”

Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer in the town of Sanford, told police he shot the 17-year-old Martin after the young man punched him in the nose, knocked him down and repeatedly slammed his head against a sidewalk.

The Sanford Police Department video begins at 7:52 p.m., about 35 minutes after the shooting, as Zimmerman arrives at the station. It shows Zimmerman’s head and face as he gets out of a police car.

There is no obvious wound on his head or blood on his clothing, and there are no indications of a broken nose — which Zimmerman’s lawyer has insisted he suffered. He walks briskly, smoothly and unassisted.

“The explanation he is relying on is that there was a physical altercation,” said Kendall Coffey, former U.S. attorney in Miami. “The intensity of the physical conflict is critical to his self-defense claim.”

Benjamin Crump, an attorney for the Martin family, said the footage directly contradicts Zimmerman’s story: “There are no marks on his face. There is no blood on his face. It’s not like he’s dazed or he has been injured.”

**Obscene sign report leads to an explosives arrest**

BARBOURVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A southeastern Kentucky man has been arrested after police say the found a “multitude of weapons” in his home while investigating a report of an obscene sign.

Knox County Sheriff’s Deputy Claude Hudson says 65-year-old Glenn D. Powell of Barbourville faces multiple charges after deputies on Wednesday found 68 rifles and handguns in his home and an “artillery simulator that was wired.”

The investigation started when a neighbor of Powell’s reported a sign stolen from a local business with obscene and disparaging comments written on the back of the sign that referred to a day care located across the street from Powell’s residence. Beside the driveway, there was a plastic glove that had been set on a metal fence pole with the middle finger extended. There were two more signs, one that read, “Out of pills? Feeling bad?” and “Now buying garbage.”

Hudson told The Times-Tribune that once inside, deputies found the weapons and the explosive.

As the investigation continued, Hudson and Knox County Sheriff’s Deputy Chad Wagner located an “artillery simulator that was wired,” Hudson said.

Hudson, who served in Afghanistan, said he knew immediately what the device was. Wagner, who toured in Iraq, also knew that the device was dangerous.

# Local company produces PBS special in Canada

BY DENNIS O'NEIL  
NEW ERA FEATURE WRITER

Local production company West KY Video recently traveled to Canada to produce a special on Irish band Celtic Crossroads. The material — concert footage shot over one day with the band — will air on PBS and Ovation in the fall.

Josh Maxwell, owner of West

KY Video, met the band when they came through Hopkinsville five years ago. He shot footage of the band performing with a volunteer crew and little money. Maxwell said they contacted him about working together again.

"They really liked (the footage) and they knew what I could do with zero budget," Maxwell said.

Working with a five-person crew, Maxwell shot the footage

on March 15 inside the Caesar's Casino in Windsor, Canada. Maxwell said the band did three performances that day, two with audiences and another for Maxwell to focus on close-up shots.

"It was definitely a long day," Maxwell said. "This was really cool because the band was really open to us and insisted on us telling them what would look the

best. We got to choreograph the show for them."

Maxwell worked previously in TV production at Hopkinsville Community College and is currently an adjunct faculty member at Murray State University. He used one of his former students, Thomas Thorn, on his crew for the Canada shoot.

Maxwell ran West KY Video as a side business for years before

taking it on full-time last June. He said the business is doing well so far.

"Definitely this is the largest thing so far," he said. "A couple of years ago I tried to get something on PBS and I saved my rejection letter. It was like, 'HAHA!'"

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## Korean War vet to be buried in western Ky.

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — After Sgt. William Eugene Brashear died in 1950 during intense fighting in North Korea, both the military and its family figured his remains would never be recovered.

Yet 62 years later, Brashear will be buried near family members on Saturday in Owensboro's historic Elmwood Cemetery.

An urn containing Brashear's ashes will be flown into Evansville at 11 a.m. Friday. He will be buried Saturday with full military honors beside the graves of his parents, Gilbert Eugene and Porter Lou Petri Brashear.

"He was a wonderful uncle," Helen Carol Knott Adkins of Louisville told the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer. "His parents, my grandparents, raised my sister and me. I was 1 when we got the telegram that he was missing."

Brashear's long road home started with his deployment to Korea in 1950. Brashear, 24 and a World War II veteran who spent 22 months in Europe, had been stationed at Fort Knox for nearly two years before he was deployed.

"When he would come home, he would have candy hidden in his love compartment for us," Adkins said. "Mama didn't want him to re-enlist. He gave Mama his re-enlistment bonus to build a bathroom on the house."

On June 25, North Korea invaded South Korea and the U.S. was at war again. Brashear sent letters back to Owensboro describing the combat he saw, including having his tank platoon cut off by North Koreans for nine days. He would receive a Purple Heart for wounds sustained on Sept. 15 outside Waegwan, South Korea.

On Oct. 31, Brashear wrote Thelma Lee that his unit had left Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, and moved 100 miles north with South Korean troops. His last letter was dated Nov. 1 from Unsan, North Korea.

A day later, Brashear was dead, along with 600 other soldiers from the 8th Cavalry, killed in the Battle of Unsan.

The Army concluded that their bodies could not be recovered and were likely buried on the battlefield by Chinese or North Korean troops.

"I didn't think they would ever find him," Adkins said. "I had given up hope years ago."

But in August 2000, the Korean War Project, a nonprofit corporation based in Dallas, launched a program to identify the remains of American forces found in Korea and to find their families. Family members supplied DNA to help with identification.

Also in 2000, a joint team from the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, North Korea's formal name, excavated a

mass grave that had been discovered in Unsan.

The Army said the remains of "at least five individuals" and U.S. military uniforms were recovered, "but they were unable to be identified given the technology of the time."

In 2007, scientists from the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory reanalyzed the remains and were eventually able to identify Brashear.

Adkins got the call on Nov. 5 — 61 years and three days after her uncle was killed.

"All I could do was bawl," she said. "All they found were a few bones and one tooth. I asked them to cremate them."

At the time of his death, he had a 7-month-old son, Alan Eugene Brashear.

In 1987, his son became the 14th person to receive a heart transplant at Louisville's Humana Hospital Audubon. He died a few years later.

Brashear was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

More than 7,900 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War.

## Group disputes state-funded exit for Ark project

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A nonprofit group that has been critical of a planned Noah's Ark-themed attraction in northern Kentucky is questioning the state legislature's plan to spend \$2 million on road improvements near the project.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reports that Americans United for Separation of Church and State is protesting the use of state funds to improve Kentucky 36 and prep work for an Interstate 75 interchange in Grant County. The money was included in a road budget proposed by Gov. Steve Beshear.

Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive di-

rector of Americans United based in Washington D.C., said the Kentucky Constitution bans the use of taxpayer dollars to support religion.

Transportation Cabinet spokesman Chuck Wolfe said the improvements are being funded due to concerns about increased traffic in the area.

"The Transportation Cabinet's interest in enlarging the interchange is to prevent traffic from backing up onto I-75, which would be a significant hazard," Wolfe said. "The reason for great increases in traffic is immaterial."

The centerpiece of the planned

theme park is the giant wooden ark featured in the Bible's story of Noah.

But the project has been slowed by a lack of funding organizers say is due to a sluggish economy. Last month, the group building the park, Answers in Genesis, acquired a 556-acre tract of land for the project. But a groundbreaking originally set for last year won't be scheduled until the ark's construction is funded. The group is asking supporters for about \$24 million in donations to help fund the building of the massive ark, the park's main attraction. But as of last month, only about \$5 million had been raised.

### KENTUCKY BRIEFS

#### WKU students, grads help make restaurant app

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — A new app for smart phones to help users find out wait times at restaurants has just been released in beta form, with the help of some Western Kentucky University students and graduates.

WhyWait LLC CEO Eric Littleton says in a statement from Western that Bowling Green is the debut city for the app, which is available in the App Store or Android Market. The company is located in Western's Center for Research and Development in Bowling Green.

WhyWait plans to expand to Louisville and Lexington in the next month and hopes to release in other states eventually.

#### Prescription drug bill goes back to state House

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The attorney general's staff would have restricted access to electronic prescription drug monitoring under a House bill that passed the Senate Wednesday.

The bill has been sent to the House Rules Committee and may go to a conference to work out differences between House and Senate versions.

The bill by Democratic House Speaker Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg would give prosecutors access to prescription information under the state's prescription drug monitoring program, known as KASPER.

The key provision is that KASPER be moved from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to the attorney general's office.

#### Weather right for horse outbreak of West Nile

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Agriculture Commissioner James Comer is warning that the unusually warm and wet spring could put horses at risk of getting West Nile virus.

Comer urged owners to get their horses vaccinated.

Mosquitoes, which spread West Nile virus, thrive in the kind of weather Kentucky has experienced in the last few weeks.

West Nile virus causes encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain, in horses, humans, birds, and other warm-blooded animals. It is transmitted by mosquitoes that acquire it from infected birds. Humans and equine cannot transmit the disease.



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## Negotiators reach agreement on budget proposal

BY ROGER ALFORD  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — More than 30,000 government workers will go without pay raises and some 200,000 retirees won't get cost-of-living increases in their monthly pension checks under a bare-bones budget proposal that legislative leaders have agreed to present to their colleagues for floor votes Friday.

Negotiators reached an accord early Thursday on the budget proposal that also calls for sharp cuts to most government agencies and programs.

"This is a budget that reflects the toughest economy we've faced since the Great Depression," said House Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook. "All of us wish we could do more, but the revenues just are not there to do what we would like to do."

Three days of intense talks ended around 3 a.m. EDT Thursday when legislative leaders exited a conference room with a tentative deal on the two-year, \$19 billion spending plan that still needs approval from the full House and Senate.

The House and Senate will consider the measure late Friday, the last day that lawmakers can vote on bills.

Meanwhile, negotiators were

set to tackle the state's road budget on Thursday, a \$3.5 billion construction plan that will likely involve another round of marathon negotiations.

Lawmakers also are pushing to pass Gov. Steve Beshear's tax amnesty plan that he believes could collect a badly needed \$55 million over the next two years. It would be the state's first offer of tax amnesty in a decade, and would forgive some penalties if

people come forward and pay their taxes.

With time running out in this year's legislative session, Beshear had urged lawmakers Wednesday to work out differences on the stalled budget process so he wouldn't have to call them back to Frankfort to finish their work after the legislation session ends.

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## The festival next door



The crowd on Franklin Street in downtown Clarksville, Tenn., at last year's Rivers and Spires Festival.

PHOTO PROVIDED

## Little Big Town to headline Rivers & Spires

BY MEGAN LOCKE SIMPSON  
THE FORT CAMPBELL COURIER

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — The Queen City's popular street festival returns this year with nationally-known musicians and fun for the entire family.

The 10th annual Rivers and Spires Festival features traditional favorites and exciting new options throughout the celebration set for April 19-21 in downtown Clarksville. Aside from food and beverages, most

activities are free to participants.

### Music

This year's festivities culminate with a performance by Little Big Town at 9 p.m. April 21 on the Public Square Stage. The Country Music Association and Grammy-nominated country quartet, famous for songs such as "Boondocks" and "Little White Church," are sure to bring an enthusiastic and crowd-pleasing energy to the stage.

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### QuickInfo:

- **For a full schedule** of performers and activities, a festival map, suggested parking and more, visit [www.riversandspires.com](http://www.riversandspires.com).
- **Don't miss an opportunity** to win a meet and greet with Little Big Town and a night's stay at the Riverview Inn. Click 'Enter to Win' on the website by Friday for a chance at the prize. The drawing will occur April 6.

## Jobless rate down in Christian county

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Christian County is among 110 other Kentucky counties to see a drop in its unemployment rate since February of last year, according to a Kentucky Workforce and Development Cabinet news release.

This month, 2,779 people, or 10.7 percent, were without jobs in the county. That's down from 12.3 percent during the same time last year.

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## Altercation not over UK-UofL rivalry

### Alleged UofL fan says he bleeds blue

FROM THE KENTUCKY PRESS NEWS SERVICE

A Georgetown incident, feared by the news media as an extreme rivalry between Kentucky and Louisville fans, may actually have stemmed from ongoing hostility, one of the men involved says.

Charles Taylor, 71, and Ed Wilson, 68, both of Georgetown, were involved in an incident Monday at the Georgetown Dialysis Clinic. In a Georgetown police report, Taylor is identified as the man who punched Wilson.

"Listed witnesses stated that Mr. Wilson antagonized Mr. Taylor; and

that they attempt to keep them apart during their visits," the report said. "We were advised that the apparent victim of the assault had antagonized the apparent perpetrator; and that this sort of behavior has been ongoing."

But somehow the dispute involved Saturday's NCAA semi-final game between in-state rivals Kentucky and Louisville.

Taylor, identified in news accounts as the Louisville fan, wants to make it clear: He bleeds Blue, even during dialysis.

"They got that story wrong. I'm a Kentucky fan. I'm for Louisville when they're not playing Kentucky," Taylor told the News-Graphic.

But the rest of the story — that a punch was dealt

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### CRIME

## Student arrested on disorderly conduct charge after argument

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

A Christian County High School student was arrested Wednesday afternoon during an argument in the school's parking lot, according to a Christian County Sheriff's Department report.

Brittany D. Baker, 18, was in the parking lot of CCHS when she got into a ver-

bal fight with a juvenile, deputies said. Baker became loud, started cussing and would not calm down, according to the report.

When a deputy tried placing her in a squad car, she continually pulled away, deputies said.

Baker was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

## School district puts hold on shirt purchases

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Lexington School District has temporarily halted purchases from a local T-shirt company accused of discriminating against the organizers of the city's gay pride festival and both the city and University of Kentucky are reconsidering whether to use the company in the future.

Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Tom Shelton told the Lexington Herald-Leader all purchases will be stopped until the issue between Hands On Originals and the Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is resolved.

University spokesman Jay Blanton said Hands On Originals has been one of three vendors for shirts and been paid about \$200,000 since July 2011, but whether the school will work with

them in the future remains uncertain since the contract expired.

"Given the complaint, we are reviewing whether a (request for proposal) should be issued in the future for a third vendor for the university," Blanton said.

The issue arose Monday when the Gay and Lesbian Services Organization filed a discrimination complaint with the city's Human Rights Commission. The group alleged that Hands On Originals had submitted a bid to produce T-shirts for the festival but, upon being told it had been selected, refused to fill the order "because we're a Christian organization."

The T-shirts for the fifth annual event were to include a stylized number 5 on the front, with "Lexington Pride Festival" and the event's sponsors on the

back. The company said it would find another company that would honor its price.

The complaint has sparked criticism of the company, including the creation by community members of a Facebook group encouraging a boycott that now has more than 1,200 members. A protest has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday in downtown's Triangle Park. Both the Facebook group and protest have been organized by people other than the GLSO's leadership.

Hands On Originals co-owner Blaine Adamson issued a statement Monday, saying Hands On Originals "both employs and conducts business with people of all genders, races, religions, sexual preferences and national origins."

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DAVID SNOW | FOR THE NEW ERA

Firefighters and emergency personnel assess the damage to a semi on Thursday afternoon after it was struck by a train on Main Street, in Pembroke.

## Train vs. truck in Pembroke

### No serious injuries in Thursday wreck

BY DAVID SNOW  
FOR THE NEW ERA

The driver of a tractor-trailer hauling farm equipment thought he had enough time to get across the train tracks to avoid a collision Thursday afternoon.

However, the train hit the trailer in the rear, spinning the cab of the truck around at the railroad crossing on Main Street in Pembroke.

The accident happened about 5 p.m. Mervin Leid, a self-employed driver

from Ephrata, Pa., was hauling a flatbed trailer with two pieces of farm equipment on it. He was preparing to turn left just past the tracks onto Hopson Street.

"I was already coming across (the tracks) when I saw the train coming," he said. "The bar didn't come down. It should have come down sooner, then I would have realized the train was coming."

Leid said the bar came down on his trailer, and his next thought was, "What should I be doing?"

"I heard the whistle and I moved ahead, but it just caught the back corner of my trailer," he said.

The crossing bar on the

south side of the tracks was torn off, as was a railroad crossing signal, which ended up in someone's yard along with other debris. The tractor-trailer was spun around.

The tractor-trailer narrowly missed hitting a house and came to rest just a few yards from it. A stop sign on the south side of the tracks was mangled, and the crossing bar on the north side of the tracks was also damaged.

Local emergency crews arrived at the scene soon after the incident. No one was seriously injured.

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# Daughter expects major mom-meltdown

**DEAR AMY:** The time has come for me to finally move out on my own. My boyfriend and I have chosen to move in together.

I am 27 and he is 25. I have lived all my life with my mother (who has never been married) and my maternal grandfather.

My mother and I have always been close, but we've grown apart a bit since I started dating my boyfriend. She has a controlling personality but either does not realize it or will not acknowledge it.

We have had issues in the past about me not spending enough time with her, which resulted in me having a rule at the age of 26 to be home for dinner three nights a week and to spend every Sunday with her.

Because of her controlling nature, I have been putting off telling her about moving in with my boyfriend.

We want to move in a few months, and I would like her to know in advance so it is not a shock.

I am wondering how to tell her and how far in advance should I tell her? — Ready to Move On

**DEAR READY:** With your living at home, your mother could enforce rules, but once you leave you get to establish some rules of your own. And you will have to be as resolute as your mother is.

When you deliver this news don't beat around the bush. Say that the time has come to start your own life.

Wait until you have a signed lease and a move-in date and give her three weeks or so to adjust. If she has a hard time with this, you should lovingly reassure her. But you can't fix this for her.

Be aware that she may attempt to control you remotely, using a patented "mom" mechanism fueled by nuclear-strength guilt.

I can't help but interject my own "mom" wisdom here — I think it would be great if you could live on your own for a while.

**DEAR AMY:** My boyfriend of nine months and I disagree on our sleep habits.

We live in separate apartments and sleep together three to four times a week.

He prefers to go to sleep after 12:30 a.m. at the earliest and gets up at 9 a.m., and I prefer to go to sleep by 11 p.m. because I have to get up at 7 a.m.

I feel like he should change his habits because it's benefiting him to get more sleep. I'm exhausted the next day if I have to stay up that late.

I don't want to go to bed at different times; we're not married, we still need that pre-sleep cuddling and togetherness time.

Any ideas? — Exhausted

**DEAR EXHAUSTED:** It is your responsibility — not your boyfriend's — to regulate your sleep so as not to exhaust yourself.

I agree with you, however, that the person who needs the earlier sleep time should influence the overall night-night schedule.

I have never met anyone who

shared my own quirky circadian rhythm; I tend to wander around at all hours, eating cereal and making lists.

But I still go to bed at a decent hour, because no one who is up late should pressure a partner to also stay up late.

**DEAR AMY:** I ask you to revisit your advice to the "Ontario Grandparent" whose 5-year-old granddaughter is afraid of death.

At a family gathering an older family member was chatting happily with others when she collapsed. She was dead by the time she hit the ground.

This was particularly hard for her young granddaughters, 8 and 10 years old at the time.

Far better than your suggestion to say, "I'm not going anywhere soon" is to teach the child that death is a part of life and it behooves each of us to make the most of what we have while we have it.

That includes enjoyment of the moment. — Faithful Reader

**DEAR READER:** Your life lesson is great. But the child in this scenario had already been taught about death and had decided she wouldn't celebrate any birthdays for fear of growing older. I felt that at this point a little mature reassurance was in order.

**SEND QUESTIONS** via email to askamy@tribune.com or by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, 11500 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Amy Dickinson's memoir, "The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, a Daughter and the Town that Raised Them" (Hyperion), is available in bookstores.

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**DEAR MRS. M.G.H.:** In reality, your question does have a spiritual side to it, because God is concerned about every part of our lives. He loves us, and He knows what we're going through.

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afford it. In other words, the problem was within yourselves, and although it's probably hard for you to admit it, you have only yourselves to blame.

This is why I urge you to turn to Christ and ask Him to forgive you and take away your greed and self-centeredness.

What can you do? First, seek advice about your finances from someone you can trust, and who can help you find the best way out of your difficulties. Then act on that advice. No doubt it will include making a realistic budget

— and sticking to it. It may also involve cutting up your credit cards or locking them away; easy credit is a dangerous trap.

In addition, put Christ and His will first in all aspects of your lives — including your finances. God loves you, and His way of living is always best.

**SEND YOUR QUERIES** to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201; call 877-2-GRAHAM, or visit the website for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: [www.billygraham.org](http://www.billygraham.org).

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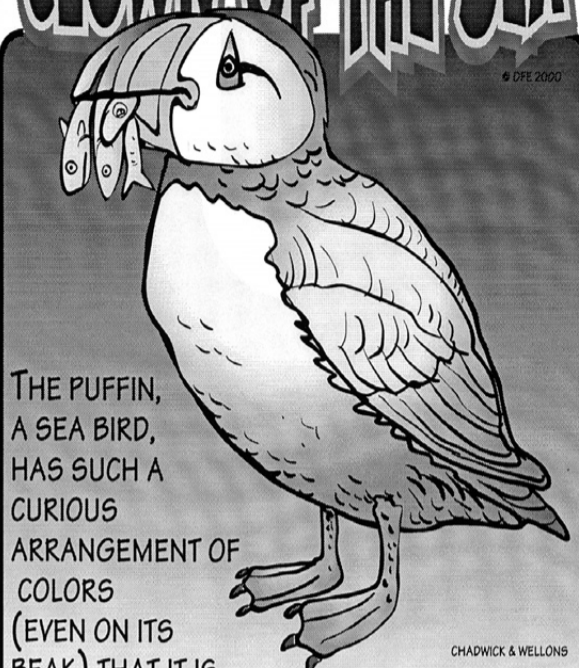
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## FESTIVAL: Rivers & Spires returns

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“They’re still fairly new,” said Robin Burton, vice president of marketing and communications for the Clarksville-Montgomery County Economic Development Council.

Little Big Town follows in the footsteps of other artists featured previously at Rivers & Spires, including Clint Black, the Charlie Daniels Band and Lonestar. What makes this country group memorable is they have no set lead singer.

“It will definitely be a lot of energy and a lot of excitement,” Burton said. “The four-part vocals in and of itself, they just have such a good ability to sing and bring everything to the stage ... It’s going to be a dynamic show.”

In addition to the headlining act, five different stages will be filled with entertainment throughout the weekend.

### Children and teens

The Kidz Zone returns this year with more than 25 free activities, including the NoJoe’s Circus experience. In the area designed for 2- to 12-year-olds, Families can enjoy inflatables, a climbing wall and much more hands-on fun.

“The non-profit booths will be there,” Burton said of the children’s area.

“So they do a lot of giveaways or things for kids. This year we’re going to have the NoJoe’s Clown Circus, which is kind of like a little mini circus act that will be there. That will be a fun attraction for the kids, and they’re interactive.”

Families can still register to participate in this year’s Children’s Parade, with a theme this year of “It’s Your Birthday!” The colorful display of floats, costumes and more will be at 1 p.m. April 21.

In the Teen Area, a selection of games, a mechanical bull and more will be offered. An exciting

new addition this year is a zip line, which requires a ticket purchase to participate.

### Adults

One of the major changes to the festival this year involves the addition of a Brewfest instead of the traditional Jazz ‘N Wine area.

Tickets are \$20 for all anyone 21 and older. Gates open at 6 p.m. April 20 and 4 p.m. April 21.

“There’s going to be over 50 craft beers,” Burton said. “They’re pre-selling tickets on the website.”

### Military connection

Ten years and several accolades later, Rivers & Spires still stays true to its beginnings.

As a festival originally started to honor the service of redeploying Fort Campbell Soldiers, the Don F. Pratt Museum will provide static displays, and MWR will set up a booth.

“They’re out there giving things away and being as involved as they always are, which is wonderful,” Burton said.

“There is a lot of the Fort Campbell community that comes out as a part of it, and then also we like to engage our soldiers and their families because this is a great family event.”

As a festival meant to cater to so many different groups and interests, with other events scheduled throughout the weekend including Corvettes on the Cumberland, Quilts of the Cumberland and more, Burton encourages people to check out Rivers & Spires.

“This is our 10-year anniversary, and there’s a lot of surprises that we kind of have up our sleeve that we can’t talk about,” Burton said, “but we encourage everybody to come down there because there’s going to be a lot of extra fun, cool stuff going on.”

## RIVALRY: Altercation not over basketball

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the Georgetown Dialysis Clinic and grew out of a discussion of Saturday’s Final Four contest — is somewhat accurate, Taylor said.

Ed Wilson, who was struck by Taylor, refused to discuss the incident in detail.

“It’s been blown all out of proportion. It wasn’t a fight,” Wilson said. “He assaulted me, and that’s all I’ve got to say about it.”

The incident began at 10:45 a.m. Monday when Taylor arrived at the clinic for his usual treatment. He was accompanied by a Louisville fan, with whom he was discussing the upcoming game, he said.

Wilson, another clinic patient, was already undergoing treatment when Taylor arrived. The two men are acquainted, Taylor said.

“He told me to shut up, and I said, ‘Shut up, Ed,’” Taylor said.

Georgetown police Lt. Robert Swanigan described what witnesses said happened next: “Wilson rudely gestured.”

Taylor confirmed that Wilson gestured — then repeated the gesture twice more.

“I told him, ‘If you do it again, I’ll break that finger off,’” Taylor said.

There is some dispute about the blow that was thrown. A police report says Wilson “reports that Mr. Taylor came over to his chair and stood over him ... (and) struck him on the left side of his face.” The report also said Taylor “stated that he struck Mr. Wilson in the head.”

By the time police arrived, the men had been separated, Swanigan said.

Taylor told the News-Graphic that he “hit (Wilson) in the chest.”

In any event, Wilson did not appear to have been injured, the report said.

No charges have been filed.

Swanigan said he has talked with several national news outlets since the story broke. Among the outlets are ESPN, FoxSports News and The Associated Press. The incident also made news on the Mike and Mike ESPN radio show, as well as newspapers and local radio and TV stations.

The stories have identified Wilson as a UK fan and Taylor as a Louisville fan who came to blows over the game.

Taylor said he’s come out on the worst end of the incident — and not because he has been inaccurately labeled a UofL fan.

Officials at the dialysis center told him he has been suspended from receiving the life-saving treatments there, Taylor said. He must now travel to Lexington for treatments.

STORY BY Dan Adkins, of the Georgetown News-Graphic.

## BUDGET: Negotiators reach agreement

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“I think the one thing the people of Kentucky would not accept is the legislature leaving town without a budget,” Beshear said. “And so I feel confident that they all understand that, and they’re going to work hard to make that happen.”

The agreement calls for 8.4 percent spending cuts, which will be especially difficult for agencies that have already trimmed their budgets by more than 30 percent over the past four years.

With revenues only now beginning to creep upward after years of decline, Beshear and lawmakers didn’t consider tax increases to improve the financial picture, fearing that would hurt the economic rebound.

One of the final sticking points involved whether to pre-approve the authorization of \$100 million in debt for the School Facilities Construction Commission to build new schools beginning in 2014. The Senate objected to that, but finally relented early Thursday.

The Democratic-controlled House and Republican-led Senate had been engaged in increasingly contentious talks, which in years past have always been conducted out of public view. This year, they have allowed cameras from public television station KET into the conference room where they’re meeting. Reporters have been

able to monitor the talks via the KET feed.

Lawmakers had long ago exempted themselves from the state’s open meetings law.

The Senate pressed to reduce the amount of new debt, and the agreement set that amount at about \$400 million, down from the \$1 billion Beshear had initially proposed when he presented his budget plan to lawmakers in January.

Negotiators were able to reach an accord on an appropriation of more than \$40 million for indigent hospital care in Louisville, another of the final sticking points.

Lawmakers also agreed to eliminate a \$30,000-a-year housing allowance for Democratic Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson, a relatively small appropriation that was first proposed by Senate Republicans. Beshear said Wednesday that he and Abramson are fine with that cut.

One of the sticking points involved how revenue from the state’s tax on mined coal would be appropriated, including \$6 million that House Democrats want to use to provide scholarships to Appalachian college students.

In a compromise, that program was extended to college students in all of Kentucky’s coal-producing counties, including those in western Kentucky.

Negotiators haven’t yet tackled the state’s two-year, \$3.5 billion Road Fund budget.

## CHRISTIAN: Jobless rate down in county

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Overall, the Pennyridge region has a 9.7 percent unemployment rate out of a work force of 93,953 people. The data includes nonmilitary Kentucky civilians who are actively seeking work, according to the release. It does not include Kentuckians who have not looked for employment for four weeks or more.

The highest jobless rate in the state was Fulton County with just over 18 percent. There are 429 people who need jobs in Fulton.

Statewide, the jobless rates of 111 counties dropped and nine increased. Woodford County had the lowest jobless rate in the state at 6.9 percent. Woodford’s work force is nearly 29,000.

With 490 people unemployed, Todd County has an 8.8 percent jobless rate, down 2.2 percent from last year. Trigg County has a 10.5 percent unemployment rate with 680 people currently looking for jobs. That too is a drop from last year.

Statewide, there are more than 1,852,000 people employed in Kentucky and 194,623 seeking work. The state’s rate has dropped 1.2 percent from last year.

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## SHIRT: School district puts hold on purchases

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“However, due to the promotional nature of our products, it is the prerogative of the company to refuse any order that would endorse positions that conflict with the convictions of the ownership,” he said.

Since July 2010, the Fayette County Public Schools has paid \$28,548.41 to Hands On Originals for various orders. That amount includes only purchases made by the schools themselves, and not booster groups or parent-teacher organizations.

The issue also drew Lex-

ington Mayor Jim Gray into the fray.

“People don’t have patience for this sort of attitude today,” Gray said.

The city has paid \$53,585.27 to Hands On Originals since July 2010. Most of that amount, \$42,959.10, was related to Spotlight Lexington, a festival held in conjunction with the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

Gray said he supports the Human Rights Commission’s investigation.

“I’m against discrimination. Period,” Gray said. “It’s bad for business and bad for the city.”

### KENTUCKY BRIEF

#### Barrier replacement project to start in I-65

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky highway officials say a pavement and median barrier replacement project carrying a \$22 million price tag is set to begin.

The work will take place on a 4.2-mile stretch of Interstate 65 between downtown and the Watterson Expressway and is scheduled to start today and run through April 9.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokeswoman Andrea Clifford told The Courier-Journal that left lanes closed in each direction to allow for construction of a new 50-inch-high concrete median barrier.

Trucks traveling northbound will be detoured to westbound Interstate 264 to eastbound Interstate 64 and back to I-65. Southbound trucks coming from southern Indiana will be detoured to westbound I-64 to eastbound I-264 and back to I-65.

# National Doctors’ Day

Jennie Stuart Medical Center salutes the 72 members of our medical staff for their high-quality care for National Doctors’ Day, Friday, March 30.



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Please call to reserve a seat, (800) 877-JSMC (800-887-5762). Lectures and other events are updated frequently on our website, jsmc.org.

# Obama spends millions more than GOP campaigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The costly Republican primary has been draining Mitt Romney's wallet and giving President Barack Obama time to build an expansive campaign architecture with offices in 45 states and hundreds of employees.

The bad news for Obama is he's had to start paying for all this now.

Obama has spent more than \$135 million — more than GOP challengers Romney and Rick Santorum combined — on his re-election apparatus, according to an Associated Press analysis of Federal Election Commission records. That sets up his campaign to be larger and geographically more diverse than any of his opponents' organizations.

Through the first two months of the year, Obama spent approximately \$1.1 million on computer equipment, \$435,000 on rent and utilities, \$305,000 on telephones and \$19,000 on office supplies, according to federal reports.

Republican contenders Romney and Santorum have been watching their expenses during the GOP primaries, relying on a fraction of the amount Obama can spend on essentials like ad spending, travel fees and utility bills. But Obama's campaign has its eye on spending by Republican-leaning "super" political action committees, which can accept unlimited and effectively anonymous contributions from billionaires, corporations and others.

Super PACs like American Crossroads, which supports Republicans,



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In this May 2011 file photo, volunteers make signs at President Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign headquarters during a media tour of the new facility in Chicago. With Republicans locked in a contentious and expensive primary, Obama has spent a small fortune to build and maintain a campaign operation that's larger, more diverse and more focused on the general election than any of his opponents' organizations.

and Restore Our Future, which supports Romney, are expected to flood the airwaves with TV ads opposing Obama.

"We're building the largest grassroots campaign in history," Obama campaign spokesman Ben LaBolt said from Chicago, where the president's re-election effort is based. "You can see it here, but it's really happening in the states."

Of \$29.5 million spent on operations since the start of the year, at least one-quarter has gone to fundraising-related expenses like postage, printing and telemarketing — an attempt to attract grass-roots donors who supported then-Sen. Obama four years ago. The campaign spent millions more on expenses like online advertising and consulting, which can be tied to fundraising.

## Romney's attack ad strategy: Time for Obama soon?

NEW YORK (AP) — Rick Santorum doesn't care about the unemployment rate. Newt Gingrich has "more baggage than the airlines." Both are Washington insiders who have bent their principles for money and influence.

So say Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his allies.

That advertising playbook has helped make Romney his party's likely presidential nominee and could offer a preview of what awaits President Barack Obama in this summer's general election campaign.

Voters in early primary states have seen plenty of

this ad strategy already: a torrent of attacks on Romney's opponents along with a few positive spots about the GOP front-runner's biography and business experience. The strategy, devised by Romney's campaign and an allied independent group, has been focused and unforgiving, all but eviscerating the former Massachusetts governor's rivals while portraying the candidate as an effective manager and devoted family man.

"The ads have been very effective," says Jonathan Collegio, a spokesman for American Crossroads, a conservative-leaning super political action committee.

They've catapulted Romney "into a very strong position in the Republican primary without going so far that he's alienated swaths of independent voters."

The general election phase of the campaign will tell whether that's true.

One thing that's certain is that the Romney team's approach has successfully shepherded him through a primary season in which voters have been far more conservative than the candidate was perceived to be.

Romney's team now faces a far greater challenge: persuading a more centrist general electorate to bounce Obama, who polling shows has much higher fa-

vorability ratings than his Romney himself.

The Romney campaign and Restore Our Future, a super PAC supporting his candidacy, together have poured about \$50 million into television ads in the primary campaign so far, according to information provided to The Associated Press by ad buyers. No other candidate or super PAC has come close to that level of spending.

Restore Our Future, which is run by several former Romney advisers, has spent more than \$35 million on TV ads alone, almost of which have been negative attacks against Santorum and Gingrich.

### KENTUCKY BRIEF

#### Woman charged with posting bomb threat

LONDON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky State Police have charged a Manchester woman with terroristic threatening.

Police said 22-year-old Taylora Smith posted a threat against Somerset Community College in Laurel County with a reference to bombing the school.

A state trooper arrested Smith at her job on Thursday evening. After questioning Smith, police charged her with first-degree terroristic threatening — a felony charge that carries a sentence of 5 to 10 years upon conviction.

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# What to do after you hit the Mega Millions jackpot

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With a half-billion-dollar multistate lottery jackpot up for grabs, plenty of folks are fantasizing about how to spend the money. But doing it the right way — protecting your riches, your identity and your sanity — takes some thought and planning.

Making sure you don't blow the nation's largest-ever lottery jackpot within a few years means some advice is in order before the Mega Millions drawing Friday, especially if you're really, really, really lucky.

**Q:** What do I do with the ticket?

**A:** Before anything else, sign the back of the ticket. That will stop anyone else from claiming your riches if you happen to drop it while you're jumping up and down. Then make a photocopy and lock it in a safe. At the very least, keep it where you know it's protected. A Rhode Island woman who won a \$336 million Powerball jackpot in February hid the ticket in her Bible before going out to breakfast.

**Q:** What next?

**A:** Relax; breathe; take time to think about your next move. Don't do anything you'll regret for the next 30 years, like calling your best friend or every one of your aunts, uncles and cousins. It doesn't take long to be overwhelmed by long-lost friends, charities and churches wanting to share your good fortune. You've waited a lifetime to hit the jackpot; you can wait a few days before going on a spending spree.

**Q:** So whom should I tell first?

**A:** Contacting a lawyer and a financial planner would be a lot wiser than updating your Facebook status. Make sure it's someone you can trust and, it's hoped, dealt with before. If you don't have anyone in mind, ask a close family member or friend. Oklahoma City attorney Richard Craig, whose firm has represented a handful of lottery winners, says it's essential to

assemble a team of financial managers, tax experts, accountants and bankers.

**Q:** Remind me, how much did I win?

**A:** As it stands now, the Mega Millions will pay out a lump sum of \$359 million before taxes. The annual payments over 26 years will amount to just over \$19 million before taxes.

**Q:** How much will I pay in taxes?

**A:** This partly depends on where you live. Federal tax is 25 percent; then there's your state income tax. In Ohio, for example, that's another 6 percent. And you might need to pay a city tax depending on the local tax rules. So count on about a third of your winnings going to the government.

**Q:** Should I take the cash payout or annual payments?

**A:** This is the big question, and most people think taking the lump sum is the smart move. That's not always the case. First, spreading the payments out protects you from becoming the latest lottery winner who's lost all their money. Don McNay, author of the book "Son of a Son of a Gambler: Winners, Losers and What to Do When You Win the Lottery," says nine out of 10 winners go through their money in five years or less. "It's too much, too fast," he says. "Nobody is around them putting the brakes on the situation."

**Q:** But what if I'm good at managing the money?

**A:** Invested properly, the lump sum option can be a good choice. There's more planning that you can use to reduce estate taxes and other financial incentives. Others, though, say that with annual payments, you are taxed on the money only as it comes in, so that will put you in a lower tax bracket rather than taking a big hit on getting a lump sum. And you still can shelter the money in tax-free investments and take advantage of tax law changes over the years.



**Q:** Should I try to shield my identity?

**A:** Absolutely. This will protect you from people who want you to invest in their business scheme or those who need cash in an emergency. Lottery winners are besieged by dozens of people and charities looking for help. "There are people who do that for a living. Unless you understand that, you can become a victim very quickly," says Steve Thornton, an attorney in Bowling Green who has represented two jackpot winners.

**Q:** So how can I protect myself?

**A:** Again, it somewhat depends on where you live. In Ohio, you can form a trust to manage the money and keep your winnings a secret. In other states, you can form a trust but still be discovered through public records. And a few states require you to show up and receive your oversized check in front of a bunch of cameras, making it impossible to stay anonymous. Thornton set up a corporation in the late 1990s to protect the identity of a client in Kentucky who won \$11 million. "No one had done this before, and there were legal questions about whether a corporation can win," he says. "We were able to hide their names."

**Q:** Is it OK to splurge a little?

**A:** Sure, it's why you bought a ticket, right? "Get it out of your system, but don't go overboard," McNay says. But remember that if there's a new Mercedes-Benz in the driveway, your neighbors will probably be able to figure out who won the jackpot.

**Q:** How much should I help my family and others?

**A:** It's certainly a natural desire to help relatives in need and take care of future generations. But use extreme caution when giving out your money. Jack Whittaker, a West Virginia contractor who won a nearly \$315 million Powerball jackpot in 2002, quickly fell victim to scandals, lawsuits and personal setbacks. His foundation spent \$23 million building two churches, and he's been involved in hundreds of legal actions. "If you win, just don't give any money away, because the more money you give away, the more they want you to give. And once you start giving it away, everybody will label you an easy touch and be right there after you. And that includes everybody," Whittaker said five years ago.

## Recession-weary states begin to regain financial footing

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—During the darkest days of the Great Recession, Ohio didn't have enough in its rainy day fund to buy even a candy bar. It held a balance of exactly 89 cents.

Today, the emergency fund has swelled to \$247 million. A nearly \$8 billion state budget gap has been closed. Unemployment has fallen from a high of 10.6 percent to 7.6 percent. And all three credit rating agencies judge Ohio to be stable.

After a few rough years, Ohio

and other struggling states have begun to regain their financial footing, largely through a combination of painful spending cuts, higher tax revenue because of the rebounding economy, and creative ideas such as the sale or lease of prisons, office buildings, roads or other assets.

"It's definitely coming back," said state Rep. Ron Amstutz, chairman of the Ohio House budget-writing committee. But he was quick to add: "There's still a lot of pain out there. I don't think

we should be crowing."

A recent National Association of State Budget Officers survey found 43 states passed budgets for fiscal year 2012 that will spend more general revenue than the year before.

Michigan went from a decade of facing billion-dollar-plus deficits every year to having a balanced budget and even a \$457 million surplus. Republican Gov. Rick Snyder achieved that in part by cutting spending on universities and schools.

Idaho sliced off roughly one-fifth of its budget during the recession. Today the state has a \$130 million surplus. Minnesota, likewise, has gone from a \$6.2 billion deficit to a projected surplus.

How did Ohio climb out of the hole?

Republican Gov. John Kasich and the GOP-controlled Legislature cut subsidies to local governments and school districts, shrunk the state workforce to a 25-year low, and came up with

\$1.5 billion in savings by streamlining Medicaid.

Ohio also sold a prison for \$73 million and is considering leasing the Ohio Turnpike. And it essentially traded 25 years of future profits from Ohio's state-run liquor stores for an immediate lump sum of \$1.4 billion. Similarly, Kasich's predecessor, Democrat Ted Strickland, raised \$5.4 billion by selling off the state's share of the nationwide tobacco settlement.



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# Justices meet today to vote on health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the rest of us have to wait until June, the justices of the Supreme Court will know the likely outcome of the historic health care case by the time they go home this weekend.

After months of anticipation, thousands of pages of briefs and more than six hours of arguments, the justices will vote on the fate of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in under an hour this morning. They will meet in a wood-paneled conference room on the court's main floor. No one else will be present.

In the weeks after this meeting, individual votes can change. Even who wins can change, as the justices read each other's draft opinions and dissents.

But today's vote, which each justice probably will record and many will keep for posterity, will be followed soon after by the assignment of a single justice to write a majority opinion, or in a case this complex, perhaps two or more justices to tackle different issues. That's where the hard work begins, with the clock ticking toward the end of the court's work in early summer.

The late William Rehnquist, who was chief justice for nearly 19 years, has written that the court's conference "is not a bull session in which off-the-cuff reactions are traded." Instead, he said, votes are cast, one by one in order of seniority.

# High court has options on health care law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The arguments are done and the case has been submitted, as Chief Justice John Roberts says at the end of every Supreme Court argument. Now the justices will wrestle with what to do with President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. They have a range of options, from upholding the law to striking it down in its entirety. The court also could avoid deciding the law's constitutionality at all, although that prospect seems remote after this week's arguments.

Here is a look at six potential outcomes, from the simpler to the more complicated possible rulings:

**Q. What if the Supreme Court upholds the law and finds Congress was within its authority to require most people to have health insurance or pay a penalty?**

A. A decision in favor of the law would end the legal fight and allow the administration to push forward with implementing its provisions over the next few years, including the insurance requirement, an expansion of Medicaid and a ban on private insurers' denying coverage to people with pre-existing health problems.

The political wrangling, however, probably would continue as Republican candidates for president and lesser offices are calling for repeal of the law.

**Q. What if, on the other hand, the court strikes down the entire law?**

A. That would kill a costly new federal entitlement before it has a chance to take root and develop a constituency of beneficiaries and supporters, namely more than 30 million people who are supposed to wind up with health insurance because of the law.

In addition, some parts of the law already are in effect and would be rolled back. One popular provision allowing young adults to stay on their parents' insurance until age 26 has added nearly 2.5 million people

to the coverage rolls, at no cost to taxpayers.

But there's no escaping America's double-barreled problem of excruciatingly high health care costs and many uninsured people, more than 50 million according to the latest estimates.

**Q. What happens if the court strikes down the individual insurance requirement, but leaves the rest of the Affordable Care Act in place?**

A. Knocking out the requirement that Americans carry insurance would not be the end of Obama's health care overhaul. There's a lot more in the 900-plus pages of the law.

But it would make the complicated legislation a lot harder to carry out, risking more complications for a U.S. health care system already seen as wasteful, unaffordable and unable to deliver consistently high quality.

Ten million to 15 million uninsured people who would have gotten coverage under the law could be left out.

The cost of individually purchased private health insurance would jump. That would make it more expensive for the government to subsidize premiums, although millions of middle-class people would still be entitled to such assistance under the law's remaining provisions.

If the individual mandate is struck, the law's Medicaid expansion would still cover millions more low-income people, mainly childless adults.

And a host of other mandates would stay in place. Starting in 2014, medium-sized and large employers would be hit with fines for not providing coverage to their workers.

Insurance companies would be required to accept people with pre-existing medical problems, no longer allowed to cherry-pick the healthy to keep costs down. They would also be barred from imposing higher premiums on people in poor health, and limited in what they could charge older adults.

**Q. What if the court strikes down the mandate and invalidates the parts of the law that require insurance companies to cover people regardless of medical problems and that limit what they can charge older people?**

A. Many fewer people would get covered, but the health insurance industry would avoid a dire financial hit.

Insurers would be able to continue screening out people with a history of medical problems, such as diabetes patients or cancer survivors.

That would prevent a sudden jump in premiums. But it would leave consumers with no assurance that they can get health insurance when they need it, a major problem the law was intended to fix. Other economically developed countries guarantee health insurance for their citizens.

A related requirement limits premiums charged to older adults. Currently people in their late 50s and early 60s can face premiums as much as six or seven times higher than those charged to 20-year-olds. The law says insurers may charge older adults no more than three times what they charge younger ones.

**Q. What happens if the court throws out only the expansion of the Medicaid program?**

A. Throwing out the expansion would severely limit the law's impact because roughly half the more than 30 million people expected to gain health insurance under the law would get it through the expansion of Medicaid, the federal-state health insurance program for low-income people.

The law would effectively bring under Medicaid everyone making up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. That works out to about \$15,400 for an individual, \$30,650 for a family of four. Most of those who would be added to the Medicaid rolls are low-income adults without children.

But a potentially sizable number of those low-income people might still be eligible for government-subsidized — though probably more expensive — private insurance under other provisions of the law. Private coverage will probably be more expensive for taxpayers to subsidize than Medicaid.

States suing to overturn the federal law argue that the Medicaid expansion comes with so many strings attached it amounts to an unconstitutional power grab by Washington, reaching directly into the wallets of state taxpayers.

The administration counters that the federal government is paying all of the initial cost of the expansion, and 90 percent in perpetuity, well above what Washington contributes for regular Medicaid. Moreover, when Congress created Medicaid in 1965 it also served notice on the states that program rules could change in the future. This is only the latest of many such changes.

**Q. What happens if the court decides that the constitutional challenge is premature?**

A. The wild card, and least conclusive outcome in the case, probably also is the least likely, based on what justices said during the arguments. No justice seemed inclined to take this path, which involves the court's consideration of a technical issue. The federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., held that the challenge to the insurance requirement has to wait until people start paying the penalty for not purchasing insurance. The appeals court said it was bound by the federal Anti-Injunction Act, which is intended to facilitate tax collections and keep the government operating. That law says federal courts may not hear challenges to taxes, or anything that looks like a tax, until after they are paid.

It remains at least possible that if the justices have trouble coming together on any of the other options they could simply decide not to decide the big issues.

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12	43.43 48.63	47.39 60.78	51.34 72.93	55.29 85.08	59.23 97.23
16	57.92 64.84	63.18 81.04	68.45 97.24	73.71 113.44	78.98 129.64
20	72.40 81.05	78.98 101.30	85.55 121.55	92.14 141.80	98.72 162.05
24	86.88 97.26	94.77 121.56	102.67 145.86	110.57 170.16	118.47 194.46

2. Commercial Cart (96 Gallon)

	Number of Containers Per Customer					
Number of Pickups per Month	1	2	3	4	5	6
4	\$21.06 23.56	\$39.49 47.12	\$55.29 70.68	\$73.71 94.24	\$94.77 117.80	\$113.20 141.36
8	42.12 47.12	78.98 94.24	110.57 141.36	147.42 188.48	189.54 235.60	226.40 282.72
12	63.18 70.68	118.47 141.36	165.85 212.04	221.13 282.72	284.31 353.40	339.60 424.08
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Number of Pickups per Month	1	2	3	4	5	6
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6. Eight cubic yard container.

	Number of Containers Per Customer	
Number of Pickups per Month	1	2
4	\$131.63 158.30	\$254.48 316.60
8	263.25 316.60	517.73 633.20
12	394.88 474.90	777.73 949.80
16	526.50 633.20	1,000.35 1266.40
20	658.13 791.50	1,228.50 1583.00

## Dig deeper to clear up questions on test data

First, let's be clear about this: There is no proof that anyone in Christian County Public Schools cheated on standardized exams. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspaper's nationwide analysis of testing data identified a fraction of local classes as having improbable results. Based on what we know right now, there is no proof that any student, teacher or administrator did anything wrong. It is premature to even

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counting the academic gains local schools are making. That's where we have to start. And then we should be able to agree that questions raised in the AJC's investigation deserve a deeper look.

Local teachers can be confident that school administrators, in an interview Wednesday with the New Era, were firm in their support of the local data and in their belief that significant local gains in tests are the result of hard work. Superintendent Brady Link also agreed to provide all the records needed to prove that the test results are valid.

The AJC published a report Sunday about its analysis of math and reading tests for students in third through eighth grade at 69,000 schools across the country. The analysis covered testing from 2008 to 2011 in 14,700 school districts. Of those, the paper determined that significant fluctuations in scores were improbable, or suspicious, in 196 districts. Christian County is among three Kentucky districts flagged in the report.

Locally, it appears the AJC analysis flagged three classes in 2008, two in 2009, four in 2010 and six in 2011. It's important to understand that testing results were questioned in a fraction of local classes. Therefore, this report does not cast doubt on the entire school system.

In a similar analysis four years ago of test scores in Atlanta schools, the AJC found suspicious test results that prompted a state investigation and uncovered massive cheating. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation in 44 of 56 Atlanta schools.

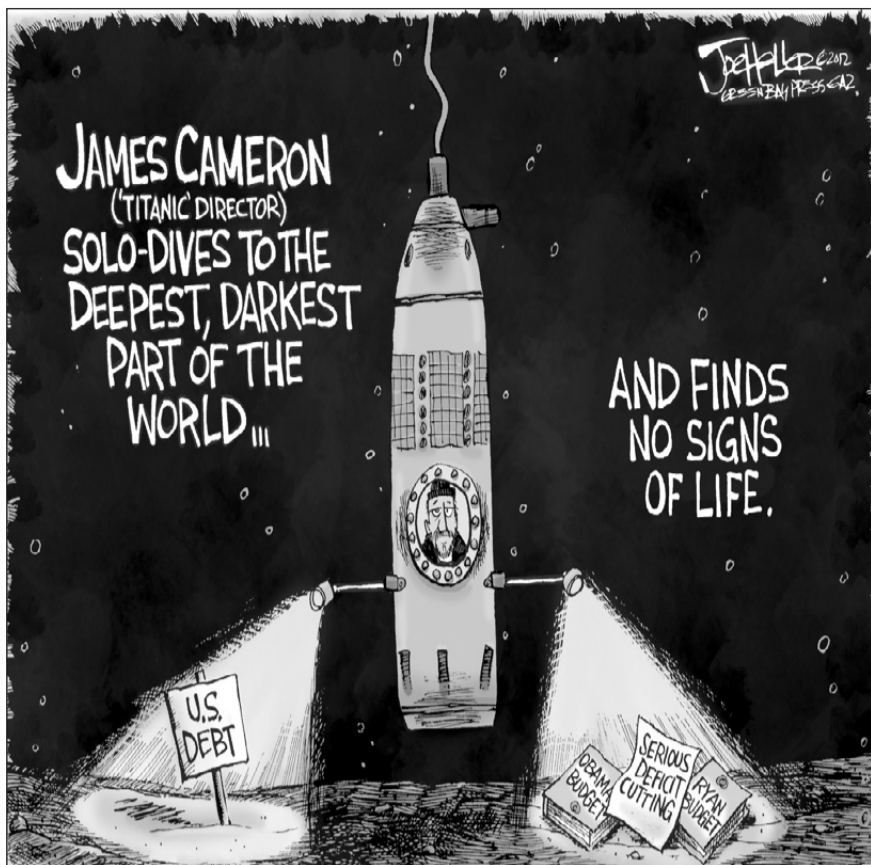
Many educators, including local administrators, are criticizing the methodology of AJC's latest report. The Atlanta paper has said the analysis does not prove that cheating occurred. It has said the patterns are similar enough to the previous investigation of Atlanta schools to reveal a potential problem that should be investigated.

Local and state officials who are confident about the testing methods and security measures to prevent cheating should have nothing to hide in an investigation of the testing results. They should take steps to verify that the methods and the results are sound.

If, as the AJC analysis indicates, some local test results are improbable, we need to know why. Is it because the testing process was compromised or is it because students, teachers and administrators are responsible for a radically positive overhaul of education in Christian County?

It's important to know. Let's remove any doubt that could jeopardize the momentum of the academic progress we've seen in the last four years.

Kentucky New Era editorials are the consensus opinion of the editorial board, which meets every week and includes Publisher Taylor W. Hayes, Opinion Editor Jennifer P. Brown and Editor Eli Pace.



### EDUCATION ISSUES

## Local supporters influence law on dyslexia instruction

People affected by dyslexia throughout Kentucky are closer to appropriate remediation through the passage of House Bill 69. Since 2006, the Dyslexia Association of the Pennyriple and others in Western Kentucky have walked the halls of the Capitol trying to educate and convince legislators of the plight of people with dyslexia. In 2009, the crusade became a statewide effort.

Dyslexia is a neurological processing disorder that affects about 10 percent of the population. Dyslexia is a lifelong condition; however, with proper remediation, students can become whatever they choose.

One component of HB 69 is aimed at students in kindergarten through third grade. It specifies a highly researched procedure, called Response to Intervention, or RTI. This a three-tiered structure aimed at reaching students at a young age while the brain has more plasticity. Students are screened for potential learning problems, not just dyslexia. Those students with characteristics that might interfere with learning, are assigned to teachers skilled in a different methodology and are placed in smaller groups. At this stage, some students will gain the skills to keep pace with their classmates.

Those students not showing sufficient improvement in Tier I will be moved to Tier II, which means a smaller group and a change in instruction. The final stage is Tier III for students with the most severe reading problems.

RTI requires teacher training and research-based methodology. Just giving dyslexic students more of the same instruction will not work. As part of the bill, the State Department of Education is to assist school systems in providing programs for dyslexic students at all levels, not just K-3.

Research has repeatedly shown that if a student is not reading on grade level by third grade, he

or she is not likely to become a proficient reader. Those "I can't" or "something is wrong with me" attitudes that affect learning and behavior emerge.

RTI works if the proper method is chosen and teachers are trained to adhere to the program's methodology. Improperly used, RTI can become a wait-to-fail approach.

There should be little or no cost to school systems as the RTI approach will prevent many students from needing special education, repeating grades, and later on, dropping out of school and into drugs, prison or welfare rolls.

Already in place are federal regulations whereby parents can request that their child be tested for dyslexia at any stage in the child's education. If the parent is not satisfied with the school's assessment, parents can take their child to a licensed examiner outside the school system at the system's expense.

Until now, dyslexia (reading), dysgraphia (writing), and dyscalculia (math) have been in Kentucky Administrative Regulations and too often ignored.

The bill is not comprehensive. For example, colleges need to develop courses on identifying people with dyslexia and establish a supervised practicum and do not expect teachers to be able to do their job with an hour lecture!

In 2009, Rep. John Tilley, D-Hopkinsville, introduced a dyslexia bill with Rep. Dossett, R-Pembroke, as co-sponsor. Tilley's bill passed the House 97-1. Supporters from all over Kentucky emerged.

At the end of the 2009 legislative session, Rep. Tilley asked Rep. Linda Belcher from Bullitt County, a retired educator, and Rep. Addia Wuchner, from Boone County, who has a dyslexic son and grandson, to take on the cause. However, until this year, dyslexia legislation always had problems in the Senate. On Monday, it passed unanimously.

Thanks to all who emailed, wrote letters, phoned and walked the halls in Frankfort.

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**RUTH LATURE**

### OP-ED

## Transparency in legislature falls way short

A flurry of activity at the end of state budget sessions is as much of a ritual in Frankfort as madness is in March. Unfortunately, part of this routine involves negotiating critical decisions concerning the commonwealth's budget behind closed doors.

So while I was not surprised to discover the hallway leading to Room 131 of the Capitol Annex roped off during recent budget conference committee meetings, it still felt like a step back.

Policymakers have come together in recent years to make state government more transparent. They have agreed to require all three branches to put their checkbooks online. Gov. Steve Beshear has at least taken some steps toward opening up agencies within the executive branch through his administration's "Open Door" site.



**JIM WATERS**

Yet when it comes to the most important portion of the state budget decision-making process, we still have roped-off areas, covered windows and armed guards.

This all adds up to a denial of access for statehouse reporters, citizens and even lawmakers, communicating that they are unwelcome in the room where negotiations critical to the size, scope and priorities of the spending plan funded by taxpayers occur.

At least Kentucky's budget committee hearings were not held completely behind a veil of secrecy — unlike Washington's debt-cutting Super Committee that recently met to do "the people's business" even though most of the people's representatives were not even allowed in the room.

At least a lone Kentucky Educational Television camera was allowed to record the negotiations in Frankfort. Washington's elitist-acting Super Committee, on the other hand, refused all requests to televise their meetings.

Still, one public-TV camera doth not transparency make. No commercial TV or radio news outlets were allowed to plunk their microphones down in full view of the politicians in Frankfort as they made last-minute deals doling out our tax dollars in a room with the blinds pulled.

What's wrong with the sunshine? If you're going to allow a single camera in the room, why not go all the way and just allow reporters, other legislators and even citizens to observe the body language and environment camouflaged by the camera?

When I was a government reporter for the Bowling Green Daily News, the newspaper's attorneys would have been inviting commissioners to clear out their schedules for court dates had a city manager or mayor tried to limit my ability to cover meetings by forcing me to watch cable-TV's coverage.

No doubt there were some that would have liked nothing more — because they were "more comfortable" discussing issues out of the public purview. At least that is what I'm often told.

That's probably why some leading House Democrats — which, as the majority party, control the agenda — reportedly even wanted that lone KET camera removed as discussions progressed. It has been in the past.

But the camera should always remain, and others should be allowed.

Besides, do you really want politicians to become "comfortable" horse trading with your tax dollars? Do you really want reporters — who provide the only access some Kentuckians have for what's happening in their government — being forced to watch the proceedings in another room?

Our procedural leaders need to feel the presence of the press in the room. Part of full and complete pellucidity is observing the nuances of the whole event, including all actions, reactions and side conversations.

Can you imagine asking fans lucky enough to get tickets to attend college basketball's Final Four Event of the Ages: "What's the big deal? Why do you actually have to be in the room where the game is played? There's going to be TV cameras there. Why not just watch it at home?"

It's just not the same — whether you're talking about bouncing basketballs or paranoid politicians.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Friday, March 30**, the 90th day of 2012. There are 276 days left in the year.

**On this date:**

**In 1135**, the Jewish philosopher Maimonides was born in Cordoba in present-day Spain.

**In 1822**, Florida became a United States territory.

**In 1867**, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million.

**In 1870**, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by

Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. Texas was readmitted to the Union.

**In 1909**, the Queensboro Bridge, linking the New York City boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, opened.

**In 1923**, the Cunard liner RMS Lacomia became the first passenger ship to circle the globe as it arrived in New York.

**In 1945**, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World War II.

**In 1959**, a narrowly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Bartkus v. Illinois*, ruled that a conviction in state court following an acquittal in federal court for the same crime did not constitute double jeopardy.

**In 1964**, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for the U.S. Sen-

ate because of injuries suffered in a fall. The original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!" hosted by Art Fleming, premiered on NBC.

**In 1972**, North Vietnamese forces launched their three-pronged Easter Offensive against South Vietnam; the fighting lasted until the following October.

**Ten years ago:** Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth died in her sleep at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old. The United States joined other U.N. Security Council members in adopting a resolution calling on Israel to withdraw its troops from Palestinian cities, including Ramallah,

where Yasser Arafat's headquarters was under siege.

**Five years ago:** President George W. Bush went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he apologized to troops face to face for shoddy conditions in outpatient housing. The Food and Drug Administration said it had found melamine, a chemical used to make plastics, in samples of Menu Foods pet food, as well as in wheat gluten used as an ingredient in the wet-style products.

**One year ago:** A top Libyan official, Foreign Minister Moussa Kousa, defected to Britain, dealing a blow to leader Moammar Gadhafi.

# Report: Illegal overtime on Apple assembly line

NEW YORK (AP) — Workers who assemble iPhones and iPads often put in more than 60 hours per week —and sometimes work for a week straight—in violation of Chinese law, according to the first independent labor audit of the Chinese factories where Apple products are made.

The report released Thursday by the Washington-based Fair Labor Association says Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., the Taiwanese company that runs the factories, is committing to reducing weekly work time to the legal Chinese maximum of 49 hours.

That limit is routinely ignored in factories throughout China. And the FLA found that many workers at the Hon Hai factories want to work even more overtime, so they can make more money. Hon Hai, also known as Foxconn, told the FLA that it will raise hourly salaries to compensate workers for the reduced hours.

Auret van Heerden, the CEO of the FLA, said that it's common to find workers in developing countries looking for more overtime, rather than less.

"They're often single, they're young, and there's not much to do, so frankly they'd just rather work and save," he said.

Average monthly salaries at the three factories inspected by the FLA ranged from \$360 to \$455. Foxconn recently raised salaries by up to 25 percent in the second major salary hike in less than two years.

Foxconn employs 1.2 million workers in China to assemble products not just for Apple, but for Microsoft Corp., Hewlett-Packard Co. and other pillars of the U.S. technology industry.

Workers who make Apple products have been the subject of increasing scrutiny, in part due to a one-man Broadway play by Mike Daisey. Public radio program "This American Life" used Daisey's monologue in a show about Foxconn on Jan. 6, but retracted it two weeks ago, saying that Daisey had fabricated key parts of it, including that he saw underage workers emerging from Foxconn factories.

The FLA didn't find instances of child or forced labor.

Apple has kept a close watch on its suppliers for years, and in January took the further step of joining the FLA. The organization has audited overseas suppliers for fashion companies and other industries, but Apple was the first electronics company to join. It also commissioned the FLA to produce a special audit of Foxconn's factories.

"Our team has been working for years to educate workers, improve conditions and make Apple's supply chain a model

for the industry, which is why we asked the FLA to conduct these audits," Apple said in a statement.

The FLA has its roots in a 1996 meeting of multinational companies and non-profits convened by President Clinton, who challenged them to improve conditions for garment and shoe workers. Its 19-member board is composed equally of representatives from member companies, universities and nonprofits like the Global Fairness Initiative. The organization is funded by participating companies.

Labor unions have criticized Apple's use of the FLA, insisting that audits are a "top-down" approach. Foxconn's workers would be better served, they believe, by being able to organize.

"The report will include new promises by Apple that stand to be just as empty as the ones made over the past 5 years," said SumOfUS.org, a coalition of trade unions and consumer groups, ahead of the release of the report.

Apple CEO Tim Cook visited a Foxconn factory in Zhengzhou, China, on Wednesday.

In February and March, FLA auditors visited three Foxconn complexes: Guanlan and Longhua near the coastal manufacturing hub of Shenzhen, and Chengdu in the inland province of Sichuan. They employ a total of 178,000 workers. The auditors examined one year's worth of payroll and time records at each factory, conducted interviews with some workers and had 35,000 fill out anonymous surveys.

The FLA found few safety violations, noting that the company had already dealt with problems like blocked fire exits and defective protective gear. It's also taken step to reduce the amount of aluminum dust in the air, after the metal created an explosion at the Chengdu factory last year, killing four workers.

The FLA said Foxconn has been recording only accidents that caused work stoppage, but is now committing to recording and addressing all accidents that result in an injury.

Heerden said his auditors found that Foxconn workers are the happiest with their jobs when they work 52 hours a week, well below the amount they often put in. Reducing their hours to 49 hours should help Foxconn retain workers in the long run, he said.

Apple's and FLA's own guidelines call for work weeks of 60 hours or less. Apple has started tracking the working hours of half a million workers in its supply chain, and said that 89 percent of them worked 60 hours or less in February, even though the company was ramping up production of the new iPad. Workers averaged 48 hours per week.

## HIGHWAY: Guthrie proposes road plan to deal with increased traffic

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The highways are Kentucky 294, which goes straight east and west; Kentucky 181, which goes north and south; U.S. 41, which comes from the northwest; and U.S. 79, which comes from the northeast.

Since I-24 opened, there hasn't been as much congestion. But transportation officials want to change the highway configuration before the problem resurfaces.

"This is like the mother of all bad intersections," said Craig Morris, PADD's regional planning coordinator, after Moore's presentation.

The transportation cabinet hired a consulting firm to help develop a solution. It ultimately settled on a three-part plan. It would realign a 0.8-mile section of Kentucky-181, moving it west, to create a right-angle at each of the three spots where it intersects with another highway. This way drivers would be able to see farther down the road at those intersections, which would make travel safer and more efficient in those areas. Kentucky-181 would also be farther from the knot this way.

Second, it would widen Kentucky-294

and add a road shoulder over a three-mile section. This wouldn't directly affect the knot, but it would improve access to the HSC area, Moore said. Right now the road is too tight to give drivers any room for error.

Finally, it would change the access spots at a Minit-Mart convenience store near the four-way stop at U.S. 79 and U.S. 41. Right now drivers come and go from the store from many different spots, making the traffic there unpredictable. Moving the store's access points away from the intersection would make it safer, Moore said.

Realigning Kentucky-181 would cost about \$3.8 million, Moore said. Widening Kentucky-294 would cost \$9.2 million. Moore does not have a cost estimate for changing access points at the convenience store.

The planning procedure cost about \$100,000, including consultants' fees, but Moore believes it was worth it.

"This planning study has created a tool for them to engage that conversation with that next level, which is the legislature," he said.

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## GROWTH: Event featured good news about economy, Hoppers

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Team President Carter Hendricks also introduced the team's board of directors, which includes City Administrative Officer Glen Abbee, Christian County Historian William T. Turner and Hopkinsville Community College President Jim Selbe, as well as its general manager Finney Noffsinger. Noffsinger joins the team after 14 years in the Chicago White Sox organization.

The team will play its first game against the Fulton Roadrunners on June 1. The Hoppers' first home game June 6 will also be against Fulton. All home games will be played at Christian County High School's baseball field.

The Hoppers will be part of the five-team Ohio Valley Summer Collegiate

Baseball League. The league uses college players who pay \$600 each to be part of a team.

There are 24 players and two coaches for each team. Jim Noffsinger, Finney's husband and assistant, said the team's roster is full and all players must report to Hopkinsville by Memorial Day. Grayson Crawford, who coaches at Pensacola State College, will manage the team.

Jim Noffsinger said many of the players are still looking for host families they can stay with during the season. He also said they are looking for a local partner to provide vans the team can use for road games.

Season passes for tickets were sold at the breakfast. T-shirts and schedules were also available. Hendricks urged attendees to

come out for games.

"It's not going to be a success if we don't fill up the stands and cheer the team on," Hendricks told the crowd.

The Hoppers were formerly a Class D minor league team that played in Hopkinsville for several stints between 1906 and 1954. Hendricks is excited to have the team return.

"We are very proud of what the Hoppers meant, but we are equally proud of what they are going to mean to this community," he said.

For more information about the Hoptown Hoppers, call Finney Noffsinger at 270-881-7642 or email her at [hoppers@hoptownhoppers.org](mailto:hoppers@hoptownhoppers.org).

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# More autism reported, likely from better testing

ATLANTA (AP) — One child out of 88 is believed to have autism or a related disorder, an increase in the rate attributed largely to wider screening.

Advocacy groups seized on the new number as further evidence that autism research and services should get more attention.

“Autism is now officially becoming an epidemic in the United States,” said Mark Roithmayr, president of Autism Speaks, at a news conference where the new figures were released Thursday.

The previous estimate was 1 in 110. The new figure is from the latest in a series of studies that have steadily raised the government’s autism estimate. This new number means autism is nearly twice as common as officials said it was only five years ago, and likely affects roughly 1 million U.S. children and teens.

Health officials attribute the increase largely to better recognition of cases, through wider screening and better diagnosis. But the search for the cause of autism is really only beginning, and officials acknowledge that other factors may be helping to drive up the numbers.

“One thing the data tells us with certainty — there are many children and families who need help,” said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the agency that released the estimate.

For decades, the diagnosis was given only to kids with severe language, intellectual and social impairments and unusual, repetitious behaviors. But the definition of the disorder has gradually expanded, so that now “autism” is also shorthand for a group of milder, related conditions, including Asperger’s syndrome.

Still, Melissa Miller, a St. Petersburg, Fla., mom

whose daughter, Chelsea, was diagnosed last year at age 2, said many people misunderstand the disorder.

“I think many people hear ‘autism’ and think ‘Rain Man,’” she said, referring to the 1988 movie featuring Dustin Hoffman as an extremely socially impaired autistic man.

There are no blood or biologic tests for autism, so diagnosis is not an exact science. It’s identified by making judgments about a child’s behavior.

Meanwhile, there’s been an explosion in autism-related treatment and services for children. In 1990, Congress added autism as a separate disability category to a federal law that guarantees special education services. School districts have been building up autism-addressing programs since.

The CDC study is considered the most comprehensive U.S. investigation of autism prevalence to date. Researchers gathered data from areas in 14 states — Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and Wisconsin.

They looked specifically at 8-year-old children because most autism is diagnosed by that age. They checked health and school records to see which children met the criteria for autism, even if they hadn’t been formally diagnosed. Then, the researchers calculated how common autism was in each place and overall.

An earlier report based on 2002 findings estimated that about 1 in 150 children that age had autism or a related disorder such as Asperger’s. After seeing 2006 data, the figure was revised to about 1 in 110. The estimate of 1 in 88, based on 2008 data, is about 1.1 percent of kids that age.

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## Kentucky At A Glance



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### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ashland	77	49	t-storm
Bowling Green	81	59	t-storm
Cincinnati, OH	80	48	t-storm
Corbin	77	56	t-storm
Covington	78	47	t-storm
Cynthiana	78	49	t-storm
Danville	78	55	t-storm
Elizabethtown	80	54	t-storm
Evansville, IN	82	52	t-storm
Frankfort	79	55	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Glasgow	80	56	t-storm
Hopkinsville	81	55	t-storm
Knoxville, TN	77	59	t-storm
Lexington	77	55	t-storm
Louisville	81	55	t-storm
Madisonville	83	54	t-storm
Mayfield	83	56	t-storm
Middlesboro	79	59	t-storm
Morehead	77	51	t-storm
Mount Vernon	77	55	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Murray	82	57	t-storm
Nashville, TN	78	60	t-storm
Owensboro	83	55	t-storm
Paducah	81	55	t-storm
Pikeville	80	60	t-storm
Prestonsburg	78	54	t-storm
Richmond	77	56	t-storm
Russell Springs	78	55	t-storm
Somerset	77	57	t-storm
Winchester	78	55	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	77	60	t-storm
Boston	51	35	mst sunny
Chicago	56	39	rain
Dallas	83	64	pt sunny
Denver	78	49	sunny

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Houston	82	68	t-storm
Los Angeles	71	52	mst sunny
Miami	84	68	mst sunny
Minneapolis	60	44	cloudy
New York	56	43	sunny

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Phoenix	87	60	pt sunny
San Francisco	65	55	pt sunny
Seattle	49	40	rain
St. Louis	80	55	t-storm
Washington, DC	65	52	mst sunny

### Moon Phases



New

Mar 22



First

Mar 30



Full

Apr 6



Last

Apr 13

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Christian County senior Malena Whipple (right) trots home after connecting on a two-run homer in the top of the second inning of a District 8 softball game against Hopkinsville in a District 8 softball game Thursday night at Lady Tiger Field. Whipple also had an RBI-single in the Lady Colonels' 18-2 rout.

## Lady Colonels pound Hopkinsville, 18-2

BY KEITH JENKINS  
NEW ERA ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Melanie Whipple blasted a two-run homer, Zatoria Leavell added a two-run triple, and Kaitlin Harris and Katie Keller each had two-run doubles as Christian County rolled to an 18-2 victory over host Hopkinsville in a District 8 softball game Thursday night at Lady Tiger Field.

*“Our hitting, I thought we hit the ball pretty good today. They just hit it better.”*

**Anthony Holloway**  
Hopkinsville softball coach

have been a little more patient out there at the plate and pick and choose our spots. ... But any time you can beat your cross-town rivals, you have to be pleased.”

Hopkinsville (3-4, 0-2), which suffered only its second loss in five outings, played uphill all night after opening the game with a two-base error

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## Colonels' Collins signs letter with Ky. Wesleyan

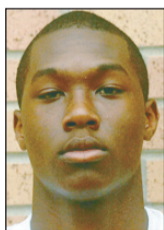
BY KEITH JENKINS  
NEW ERA ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Christian County head football coach Steve Lovelace commended Daniel Collins on his unselfishness and great attitude. Those very attributes are what led the two-way starter to a college scholarship.

Collins, who played tight end and defensive end for the Colonels last season, signed a national letter of intent to continue his football career at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro during a ceremony Thursday inside the Christian County High School library.

“I liked the city overall, and the coaches really reached out to me,” Collins said. “I enjoyed what they were saying to me and how they presented the school. I loved it.”

Collins, the son of Royce



Collins

Collins, a retired military veteran and ROTC teacher at Christian County, moved north from Orlando, Fla., last March to join his father who had been stationed at Fort Campbell. Daniel went from finishing 0-10 with his high school team in Florida to playing for Lovelace and his perennial state championship-contending Colonels. Lovelace led Christian County to a 10-2 mark last season and to the Class 5-A state title game in 2010 and 2008.

“It was a new experience,” Daniel Collins said of playing for a winning program. “It felt good. It felt good winning on a weekly basis. I never experienced that before.”

Royce Collins, who sat by Daniel's side as he signed the letter, thanked Lovelace for giving his son the opportunity to play at the next level and more importantly receive a college education.

“The team he was on (in Florida), the culture, the envi-

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LOUISVILLE VS. KENTUCKY

## Bluegrass battle



## Cultures clash in commonwealth over UK-UofL hoops meeting

BY COLIN FLY  
AP SPORTS WRITER

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—This Bluegrass State rivalry runs deep, and the divide is wide.

Just 70 miles apart, Lexington and Louisville are worlds apart when it comes to college basketball. Come Saturday when the Cardinals and Wildcats meet at the Final Four in New Orleans, a berth in the national title game is just the beginning. Here, the game is likened to a civil war.

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**Mitch McConnell**  
Kentucky Senator

Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell said on the Senate floor: “Basketball fans from Kentucky have been waiting their whole lives for this game.”

This is the grudge match to end them all.

It's the fifth time the schools will meet in the NCAA tournament — the two sides have

split the four previous meetings — and it pits Louisville coach Pitino against one-time friend and now frosty foe Calipari. Not to mention Kentucky freshmen phenoms Anthony Davis and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, who have been steady in taking the Wildcats to the top, vs. a ragtag flock of Cardinals who've won eight straight with a rotating cast of mostly unknowns such as Peyton Siva and Gorgui Dieng.

“It's not about (Pitino) or I; it's about these players,” said Calipari, who's in his second consecutive Final Four still searching for the national title that's eluded him. “Hopefully we both have our teams ready to play, and I think we will, and we'll go at it.”

The Cardinals (30-9) lost this year's matchup vs. the Wild-

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**Kentucky coach John Calipari (above) reacts to a play against Baylor last weekend in the NCAA tournament South Regional finals in Atlanta. Meanwhile, Wildcats guard Marquis Teague (25, right) shoots under pressure from Louisville's Gorgui Dieng during their game on Dec. 31 in Lexington. The Wildcats and Cardinals meet at 5:09 p.m. Saturday in the Final Four in New Orleans.**

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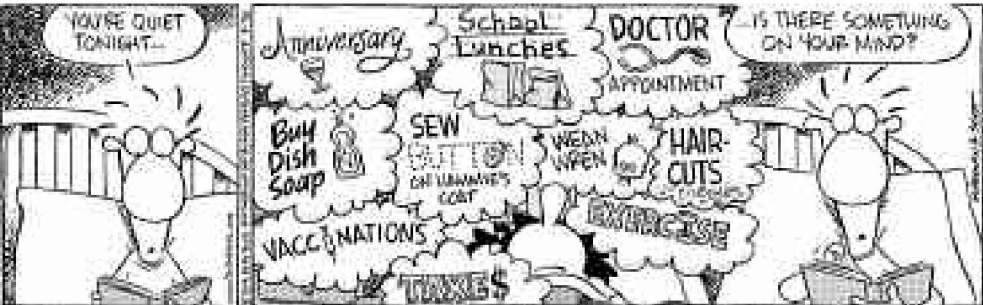




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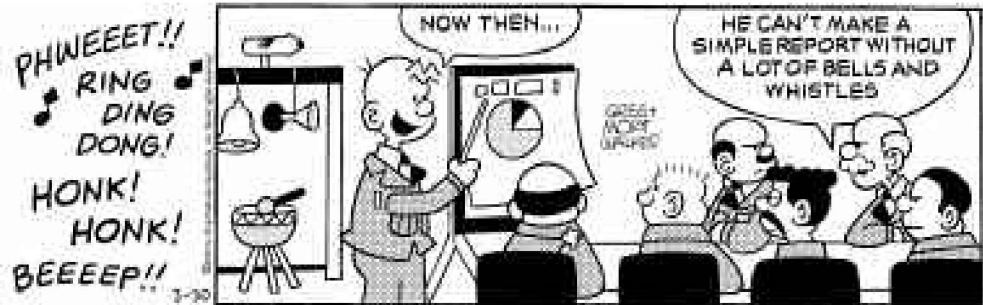
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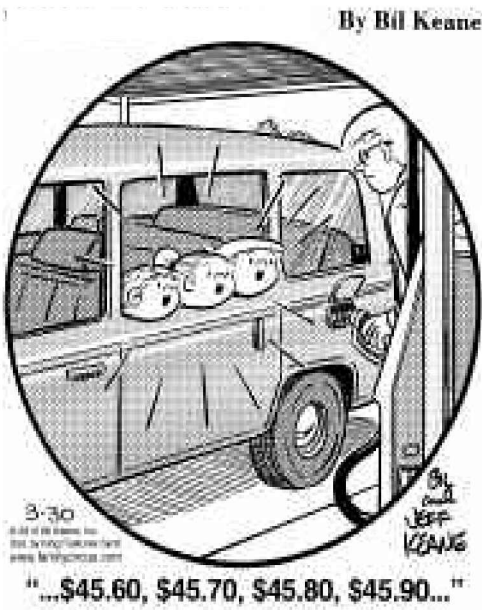
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- 9 Sagas
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- 20 Baseball's Mel
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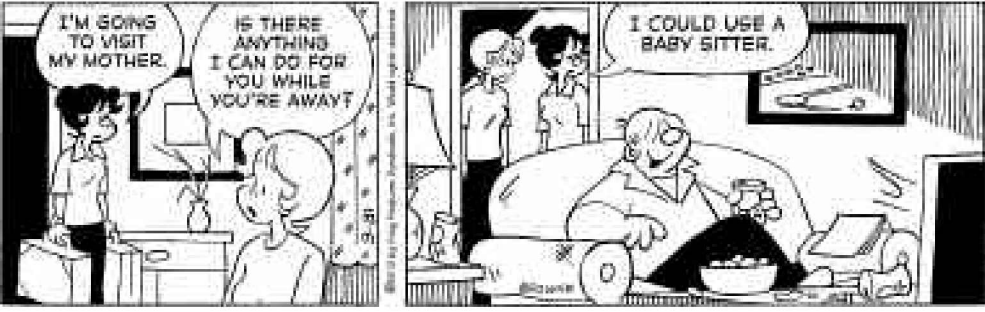
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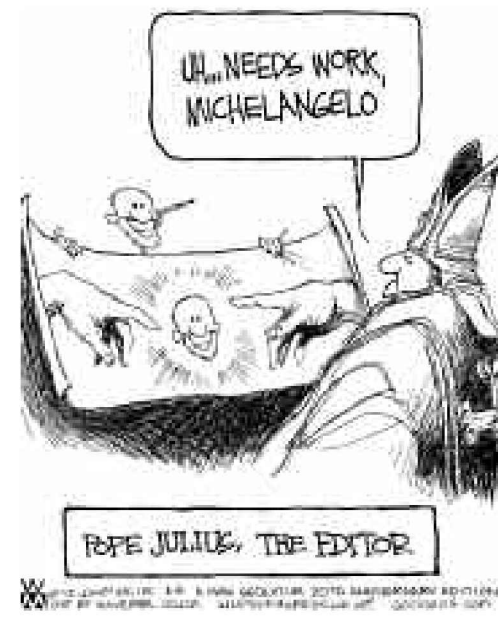
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  - 17 Second person
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